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CAPE MEARES LIGHTHOUSE PARKING AREA

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This week started to show activity. The pavement cutting was accomplished, all the curbs around the center island area were removed, sod within the island area was removed, and subexcavation completed. The contractor moved in a job "shack" and enclosed that within a temporary chain link fence. The fence is installed to separate stored materials and equipment from the general public during non-work hours, especially on weekends. Since Cape Meares is such a heavily used attraction there seems to be no better added attraction to children than taking an opportunity to crawl around heavy equipment, thence the need for the fence.

During excavation of the area that showed signs of pavement deformation we encountered more than expected. Digging down 30+ inches uncovered a mix of stone ledges with soft blue clay between the rock outcroppings. In fact the clay had been "kneaded" by traffic over the years to where it had become mixed into the gravel layer just below the surface, making the gravel we expected to use, unusable.

By the end of Friday this week a majority of the subexcavation should be complete with only some backfilling on Monday. Although the contractor was initially only going to work Monday thru Thursday, this week he elected to take advantage of the great weather and set a goal of getting a difficult part of the project completed that of the subexcavation.

Next week we will complete the subexcavation and thereby restore the circular access everyone is familiar with. The schedule is to work on removal of the remaining curbs and excavation for the added parking locations. In talking with the public it seems everyone is in agreement added parking is needed and will be very much appreciated. It would seem that with that in mind the public is tolerating the construction inconvenience without objection.

If you have any comments or concerns related to the construction please forward these to the listed Email address or call 360-907-0685.

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